

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

No! As long as I am given the opportunity to purchase hearing aids on a go day test basis, why should my rights be dictated by Audiologists, or the F.D.A. If I am forced to pay for an examination, then Medicare should pay this expense, which they do not now.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

When I have been examined, and require hearing aids, I am going to think twice in paying \$299 versus \$1200-\$1500 for one single hearing aid.

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

Absolutely not. It is time the Federal Government stays out of my life, and trying to usurp my individual privacy under the U.S. Constitution

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Damn right. The Federal Government has interfered with my life now for 87 years and it is time to be stopped. I believe we are now beginning to be governed by a Dictator, who has been elected by the people.

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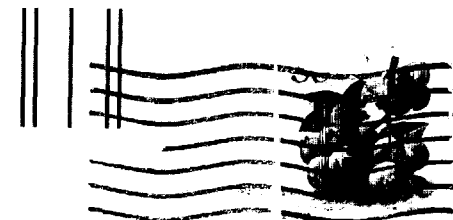
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